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**INSPEC - 1969 to date (INZZ)**

### Accession number & update

8396614, C2005-06-7250-013; 20050508.

### Title

Archive knowledge discovery by proxy cache.

### Author(s)

Hsiang-Fu-Yu; Yi-Ming-Chen; Li-Ming-Tseng.

### Author affiliation

Dept of Comput Sci & Inf Eng, Nat Central Univ, Chung-li, Taiwan.

### Source

**Internet-Research-Electronic-Networking-Applications-and-Policy** (UK), vol.14, no.1, p.34-47, 2004. , Published: Emerald.

### CODEN

IRESEF.

### ISSN

ISSN: 1066-2243.

### Availability

SICI: 1066-2243(2004)14:1L34:AKDP; 1-F.

### Publication year

2004.

### Language

EN.

### Publication type

J Journal Paper.

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**Treatment codes**

P Practical.

**Abstract**

An archive is a **file** containing several related **files**. Many Internet resources, such as freeware, shareware and trial **software**, are often packaged into archives for easy **installation** and taking. Additionally, thousands of users search for archives and **download** them from different sources everyday. In this paper, previous research on archive **downloading** is extended via proxy cache to support archive searching. Internet proxy cache servers are used to gather a significant number of Web pages, detect those that contain archive links, and then use the obtained data to search archives by description or **filename**. Two schemes, iterative and backtracking, are proposed to obtain Web pages with archive links. The experimental results indicate that the precision that both of the schemes can achieve is about the same; however, the backtracking scheme reduces the number of checked pages by a factor of 26. Finally, a real system was implemented to demonstrate the proposed approaches. (19 refs).

**Descriptors**

backtracking; cache-storage; data-handling; data-mining; file-servers;  
information-retrieval-systems; Internet; iterative-methods.

**Keywords**

archive knowledge discovery; archive **downloading**; Internet proxy cache servers; Web pages;  
archive links; iterative scheme; backtracking scheme; archive searching; World Wide Web.

**Classification codes**

C7250 (Information storage and retrieval).  
C6120 (**File** organisation).  
C6170K (Knowledge engineering techniques).  
C7210N (Information networks).  
C6130 (Data handling techniques).  
C6150N (Distributed systems **software**).

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8333457, A2005-09-9575-017, C2005-05-7350-021; 20050327.

**Title**

Visualising astronomy data using VRML.

**Author(s)**~~Beeson-B; Lancaster-M; Barnes-D-G; Bourke-P-D; Rixon-G-T.~~**Author affiliation**

Sch of Phys, Melbourne Univ, Parkville, Vic, Australia.

**Source**

Optimizing Scientific Return for Astronomy through Information Technologies, Glasgow, UK, 24-25 June 2004.

Sponsors: SPIE.

In: Proceedings-of-the-SPIE-The-International-Society-for-Optical-Engineering (USA), vol.5493, no.1, p.242-53, 2004.

**CODEN**

PSISDG.

**ISSN**

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**Availability**

SICI: 0277-786X(2004)5493:1L.242:VADU; 1-U.

**Publication year**

2004.

**Language**

EN.

**Publication type**

CPP Conference Paper, J Journal Paper.

**Treatment codes**

P Practical.

**Abstract**

Visualisation is a powerful tool for understanding the large data sets typical of astronomical surveys and can reveal unsuspected relationships and anomalous regions of parameter space which may be difficult to find programmatically. Visualisation is a classic information technology for optimising scientific return. We are developing a number of generic on-line visualisation tools as a component of the Australian Virtual Observatory project. The tools are deployed within the framework of the International Virtual Observatory Alliance (IVOA), and follow agreed-upon standards to make them accessible by other programs and people. We and our IVOA partners plan to utilise new information technologies (such as grid computing and Web services) to advance the scientific return of existing and future instrumentation. Here, we present a new tool - VOLUME - which visualises point data. Visualisation of astronomical data normally requires the local **installation** of complex **software**, the **downloading** of potentially large datasets, and very often time-consuming and tedious data format conversions. VOLUME enables the astronomer to visualise data using just a Web browser and plug-in. This is achieved using IVOA standards which allow us to pass data between Web Services, Java Servlet Technology and Common Gateway Interface programs. Data from catalogue server can be streamed in eXtensible Mark-up Language format to a servlet which produces Virtual Reality Modeling Language output. The user selects elements of the catalogue to map the geometry and then visualises the result in a browser plug-in such as Cortona or Free WRL. Other than requiring an input VOTable format **file**, VOLUME is very general. While its major use is likely to be display and explore astronomical source catalogues, it can easily render other important parameter fields such as the sky and redshift coverage of proposed surveys or the sampling of the visibility plane by a rotation-synthesis interferometer. (8 refs).

**Descriptors**

astronomical-techniques; astronomy-computing; data-visualisation;  
java; online-front-ends; software-tools; virtual-reality-languages;  
XML.

**Keywords**

astronomical data visualisation; VRML; astronomical surveys; classic information technology; generic on line visualisation tools; Australian Virtual Observatory project; International Virtual Observatory Alliance; IVOA standards; grid computing; Web services; VOLUME **software** tool; complex **software installation**; potentially large datasets **downloading**; tedious data format conversion; Web browser; Java Servlet Technology; Common Gateway Interface programs; eXtensible Mark up Language; Virtual Reality Modeling Language output; Cortona; Free WRL; input VOTable format **file**; redshift coverage; sky coverage; rotation synthesis interferometer; astronomical source catalogues.

**Classification codes**

A9575M (Astronomical data and image processing).  
A9575P (Mathematical and computer techniques in astronomy).  
C7350 (Astronomy and astrophysics computing).  
C6130V (Virtual reality).  
C6140D (High level languages).  
C6115 (Programming support).  
C7250N (Search engines).  
C7210N (Information networks).

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8319377, A2005-08-9365-012, B2005-04-7710D-244, C2005-04-7340-200; 20050313.

**Title**

Archiving and distribution of 2-D geophysical data using image formats with lossless compression.

**Author(s)**[Chen-F-W.](#)**Author affiliation**

Lincoln Lab, Massachusetts Inst of Technol, Lexington, MA, USA.

**Source**

IEEE-Geoscience-and-Remote-Sensing-Letters (USA), vol.2, no.1, p.64-8, Jan. 2005. , Published: IEEE.

**CODEN**

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**ISSN**

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**Availability**

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**Publication year**

2005.

**Language**

EN.

**Publication type**

J Journal Paper.

**Treatment codes**

P Practical; T Theoretical or Mathematical.

**Abstract**

Certain types of two-dimensional (2-D) numerical remote sensing data can be losslessly and compactly compressed for archiving and distribution using standardized image formats. One common method for archiving and distributing data involves compressing data **files** using **file** compression utilities such as gzip and bzip2, which are widely available on UNIX and Linux operating systems. GZIP-compressed **files** and bzip2-compressed **files** must first be uncompressed before they can be read by a scientific **application** (e.g., MATLAB, IDL). Data stored using an image format, on the other hand, can be read directly by a scientific **application** supporting that format and, therefore, can be stored in compressed form, saving disk space. Moreover, wide use of image formats by data providers and wide support by scientific **applications** can reduce the need for providers of geophysical data to develop and maintain **software** customized for each type of dataset and reduce the need for users to develop and maintain or **download** and **install** such **software**. This letter demonstrates the utility of standardized image formats for losslessly compressing, archiving, and distributing 2-D geophysical data by comparing them with the traditional **file** compression utilities gzip and bzip2 on several types of remote sensing data. The formats studied include TIFF, PNG, lossless JPEG, JPEG-LS, and JPEG2000. PNG and TIFF are widely supported. JPEG2000 and JPEG-LS could become widely supported in the future. It is demonstrated that when the appropriate image format is selected, the compression ratios can be comparable to or better than those resulting from the use of **file** compression utilities. In particular, PNG, JPEG-LS, and JPEG2000 show promise for the types of data studied. (20 refs).

**Descriptors**

[atmospheric-techniques](#); [computer-graphics](#); [data-compression](#);  
[geophysical-signal-processing](#); [image-coding](#); [ocean-temperature](#);  
[oceanographic-techniques](#); [rain](#); [remote-sensing](#).

**Keywords**

2 D geophysical distribution data; data compression; lossless image compression; two dimensional

numerical remote sensing data; standardized image formats; data archiving; **file** compression; Linux operating system; UNIX operating system; GZIP compressed **files**; bzip2 compressed **files**; tagged image **file** format; TIFF; portable network graphics; PNG; lossless JPEG; JPEG LS; JPEG2000; rainfall rate; sea surface temperature.

#### Classification codes

A9365 (Data and information; acquisition, processing, storage and dissemination in geophysics).

A9385 (Instrumentation and techniques for geophysical, hydrospheric and lower atmosphere research).

A9210M (Thermohaline structure and circulation of the oceans).

A9260J (Water in the atmosphere (humidity, clouds, evaporation, precipitation)).

B7710D (Oceanographic and hydrological techniques and equipment).

B7710B (Atmospheric, ionospheric and magnetospheric techniques and

equipment).

B6135C (Image and video coding).

C7340 (Geophysics computing).

C5260B (Computer vision and image processing techniques).

C6130B (Graphics techniques).

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7865201; 20040201.

#### Title

No-cost config Microsoft Windows **Installer** creation.

#### Author(s)

Beers-C.T.

#### Author affiliation

Syracuse Univ, New York, NY, USA.

#### Source

Network-Computing (USA), vol.14, no.9, p.25-6, 15 May 2003. , Published: CMP Media Inc.

#### CODEN

NETCF7.

#### ISSN

ISSN: 1046-4468.

#### Availability

SICI: 1046-4468(20030515)14:9L.25:CCMW; 1-0.

#### Publication year

2003.

#### Language

EN.

#### Publication type

J Journal Paper.

#### Treatment codes

P Practical; R Product Review.

#### Abstract



OnDemand **Software's** new WinInstall LE 2003 is a free **installer** and features the capability to customize **applications**. It boasts of the capability of eliminating the time and expense of creating an MSI (Microsoft **Installer**) package. It supports the latest **installer** formats in Windows Server 2003. The MSI repackager can be **downloaded** for free from OnDemand **Software's** Web site. It also offers free unlimited phone, e-mail and Web technical support. It also features utility and help system that is integrated into the WinInstall **software** console. Though it is capable of packaging and creating **installers** in MSI format and importing and editing existing MSI-based **installers**, the WinInstall LE is not capable of creating MSI-based patch **files**. It is also not capable of merging modules and cannot manage desktop **application** delivery, repair or inventory.

**Descriptors**

operating-systems-computers; software-reviews.

**Keywords**

OnDemand **Software** WinInstall LE 2003; Microsoft Windows **Installer**; customization; Windows Server 2003; MSI; Web site; e mail; Web technical support; technical support; utility system; help system; **software** console; MSI based **installer**; patch **file**; modules; desktop **application**.

**Classification codes**

D5000 (Office automation - computing).

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**Accession number & update**

7456803, B2003-01-6250F-002, C2003-01-5620-001; 20021125.

**Title**

**Software download** enabling terminal reconfigurability.

**Author(s)**

Moessner-K; Vahid-S; Tafazolli-R.

**Author affiliation**

Centre for Commun Syst Res, Surrey Univ, Guildford, UK.

**Source**

Annales-des-Telecommunications (France), vol.57, no.5-6, p.457-79, May-June 2002. , Published: Editions Hermes.

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**ISSN**

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**Publication year**

2002.

**Language**

EN.

**Publication type**

J Journal Paper.

**Treatment codes**

T Theoretical or Mathematical.

**Abstract**

We present a **software download** algorithm that enables **download** of configuration **software**, via different media, to mobile terminals. The proposed signalling protocol and the message sequence have been described in detail; **Downloading software** through any media has basically the same set of requirements i.e. **download** initiation, client capability negotiation, **download** channel capacity,

user /provider mutual authentication procedures and error free **software** delivery, **installation**, authorisation and billing have to be negotiated. Procedures that provide implementations of these algorithms have been incorporated in the proposed **download** signalling protocol. Also, all message parameters to be passed for the full information exchange between client and server have been described, and a prototype implementation based on a distributed object platform (Java RMI-CORBA) is presented and described. **Software download** signalling within the prototype uses CORBA (OrbixWeb) as the signalling platform. The IIOP connection between remote peers (client and server) is handled by two proxies communicating via the ORB. These proxies are generated from interfaces defined in IDL. For **download** however, Java-RMI has been used as the transport mechanism. Finally, the signalling and **download** delay behaviour of the proposed architecture is presented. It is shown that an overhead of 0.35-0.45 seconds due to signalling exchange is independent of the **file** size to be **downloaded** for **file** sizes in the range 100-200 kB. The behaviour shows a flat delay duration of ~240ms for **files** sizes below 100 kB and a linearly increasing duration for **files** sizes beyond. A size of 200 k Bytes can be regarded as the break-even point after which the signalling (and marshalling) overheads of RMI start to become more efficient and the duration starts to depend on the **file**, sizes rather than the overheads of the transport mechanism. Legacy protocol stack implementations such as GSM for example, have sizes in the region of 200-300 kBytes. Such **file** sizes are within the range considered and beyond the break even point, and therefore the **download** mechanism developed provides a suitable platform for reconfiguration **software download** in terms of procedural delay. (17 refs).

#### Descriptors

client-server-systems; data-communication; distributed-object-management; mobile-radio; protocols; software-radio; telecommunication-signalling; telecommunication-terminals.

#### Keywords

**software download** enabling terminal reconfigurability; **software download** algorithm; configuration **software**; mobile terminals; signalling protocol; message sequence; **download** initiation; client capability negotiation; **download** channel capacity; user provider mutual authentication procedures; error free **software** delivery; **installation**; authorisation; billing; **download** signalling protocol; message parameters; client; server; distributed object platform; Java RMI CORBA; OrbixWeb; IIOP connection; remote peers; interfaces; transport mechanism; delay behaviour; signalling exchange; delay duration; break even point; marshalling; legacy protocol stack implementations; GSM; **file** size; **software** radio; mobile station.

#### Classification codes

B6250F (Mobile radio systems).  
 B6150M (Protocols).  
 B6210L (Computer communications).  
 C5620 (Computer networks and techniques).  
 C6150N (Distributed systems software).  
 C5640 (Protocols).  
 C6110J (Object-oriented programming).

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#### Accession number & update

6799934, C2001-02-6150N-034; 20010101.

#### Title

Web++ architecture, design and performance.

#### Author(s)

Vingralek-R; Sayal-M; Breitbart-Y; Scheuermann-P.

**Author affiliation**

STAR Lab, Inter Trust Technol, Santa Clara, CA, USA.

**Source**

World-Wide-Web (Netherlands), vol.3, no.2, p.65-77, 2000. , Published: Baltzer.

**CODEN**

WWWEFF.

**ISSN**

ISSN: 1386-145X.

**Availability**

SICI: 1386-145X(2000)3:2L.65:ADP; 1-S.

**Publication year**

2000.

**Language**

EN.

**Publication type**

J Journal Paper.

**Treatment codes**

P Practical.

**Abstract**

We describe the design of a system for fast and reliable HTTP service which we call Web++. Web++ achieves high reliability by dynamically replicating Web data among multiple Web servers. Web++ selects the available server that is expected to provide the fastest response time. Furthermore, Web++ guarantees data delivery given that at least one server containing the requested data is available. After detecting a server failure, Web++ client requests are satisfied transparently to the user by another server. Furthermore, the Web++ architecture is flexible enough for implementing additional performance optimizations. We describe implementation of one such optimization, batch resource transmission, whereby all resources embedded in an HTML page that are not cached by the client are sent to the client in a single response. Web++ is built on top of the standard HTTP protocol and does not require any changes either in existing Web browsers or the **installation** of any **software** on the client side. In particular, Web++ clients are dynamically **downloaded** to Web browsers as signed Java applets. We implemented a Web++ prototype; performance experiments indicate that the Web++ system with 3 servers improves the response time perceived by clients on average by 36.6%, and in many cases by as much as 59%, when compared with the current Web performance. In addition, we show that batch resource transmission can improve the response time on average by 39% for clients with fast network connections and 21% for the clients with 56 Kb modem connections. (29 refs).

**Descriptors**

client-server-systems; file-servers; hypermedia; information-resources; transport-protocols.

**Keywords**

Web architecture; reliable HTTP service; Web data replication; multiple Web servers; response time; data delivery; server failure; Web client requests; performance optimizations; batch resource transmission; HTML page; standard HTTP protocol; Web browsers; signed Java applets; Web system; fast network connections; modem connections.

**Classification codes**

C6150N	(Distributed systems software).
C7210N	(Information networks).
C5640	(Protocols).
C6130M	(Multimedia).
C5690	(Other data communication equipment and techniques).
C6130D	(Document processing techniques).

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**INSPEC - 1969 to date (INZZ)**

**Accession number & update**

6708233, C2000-10-7810C-204; 20000901.

**Title**

Seamless integration of client server **applications-conclusion** or how many SIGUCCS papers can you get from one project?

**Author(s)**

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**Author affiliation**

Network Inf Center, Ohio State Univ, Columbus, OH, USA.

**Source**

SIGUCCS '98. User Services Conference for College and University Computing Services Organizations, Bloomington, IN, USA, 25-28 Oct. 1998.  
In: p.173-5, 1998.

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ISBN: 1-58113-006-6, CCCC: 1 58113 006 6/98/0010... (\$5.00).

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1998.

**Language**

EN.

**Publication type**

CPP Conference Paper.

**Treatment codes**

P Practical.

**Abstract**

At The Ohio State University, we have been supplying a standard set of **software** for campus use. It includes an **installer** that configures the client **software**, so that the user only needs to supply their network id and full name. With dialers, PPP, and Web browser included with the operating systems, we would like to convert to a more **software download** model of site-licensed **software**, instead of disk or CD. This paper discusses moving from a model used for the last 8 years to more of a self service model. The question to be answered is how much more impact will this have on our help desk, especially for new students? When serving over 5,000 freshman, over 50,000 total students and 12,000 faculty and staff all of whom need Internet access each year, the task is complex. Other network issues enter the picture as well. The vast majority of all buildings and departments are connected to the campus network. It is now possible for individuals to **download** large **files** at high speeds on campus. Thus it makes sense to provide this service. This paper also discusses the user authentication method utilized to conform to site license agreements. (0 refs).

**Descriptors**

authorisation; client-server-systems; educational-computing; Internet;  
message-authentication; technical-support-services.

**Keywords**

client server **application** integration; Ohio State University; client **software** configuration; Web browser; operating systems; site licensed **software**; self service model; help desk; Internet; campus network; user authentication method.

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**Title**

The Permanent Traffic Count Analysis Package.

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**Abstract**

The collection and analysis of continuous count data from closed loop systems is a valuable source of information to be used by transportation engineers in both planning and traffic operations. The PTCAP program can be used to convert and store count information. The cost to collect continuous traffic volume counts is high but with the use of closed loop systems a simple parameter can be set in the **software** to **upload** the count **files** without the **installation** of field counters. Transportation planners can obtain local traffic characteristics. This will help to more accurately model the traffic characteristics in their jurisdiction. In traffic operations, field data can be used to identify a change in traffic flow pattern changes. The volume information can be used as input to traffic simulation /evaluation models, i.e. Transyt7-F, NETSIM, PASSERII-90 etc. (0 refs) .

**Descriptors**

digital-simulation; road-traffic; transportation.

**Keywords**

Permanent Traffic Count Analysis Package; closed loop systems; transportation engineers; planning; traffic operations; PTCAP program; count information; continuous traffic volume counts; local traffic characteristics; field data; traffic flow pattern changes; Transyt7 F; NETSIM; PASSERII 90.

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**Abstract**

Healthcare Product Comparison System (PCS) comprises a CD-ROM database containing comparisons of hospital, clinical laboratory, and diagnostic imaging devices and equipment. The data comes from several print Product Comparison Systems produced by ECRI: Clinical Laboratory, Diagnostic Imaging and Radiology, and Hospital. Currently, it has no online equivalent. It has a companion product, Health Devices Alerts, available in print, online (DIALOG file 198), and CD-ROM formats. Each of the 267 records in Healthcare PCS contains a textual portion and a comparison chart. The author reviews its **software installation**, documentation, onscreen help, searching, displaying, printing, **downloading** and customer support. (0 refs).

**Descriptors**

information-retrieval-systems; information-services; medical-administrative-data-processing; optical-publishing.

**Keywords**

medical equipment database; DIALOG OnDisc; Healthcare Product Comparison System; CD ROM database; **software installation**; documentation; onscreen help; searching; customer support.

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P Practical; R Product Review.

**Abstract**

Reports on four communications packages which were evaluated for the South-West Thames Regional Library Service. A number of requirements were identified as essential in any communications package: variable baud rates; automatic logon facility; multi-host access; **uploading of files; downloading of files;** comprehensive manuals written in English, not computer jargon; and easy **installation** and setting up of **software**. The packages tested were: Headline (Head Computers)- Pounds 85 with discount; Procomm V. 2.3 (Version 2.4 available as shareware; Procomm Plus Pounds 50); Smart (part of integrated package)- Pounds 600 with discount; and Datatalk (Datasoft)- Pounds 150. (0 refs).

**Descriptors**

computer-communications-software; IBM-computers; software-packages.

**Keywords**

communications packages; variable baud rates; automatic logon facility; multi host access; **uploading of files; downloading of files;** manuals; Headline; Procomm V. 2.3; Procomm Plus; Smart; Datatalk.

**Classification codes**

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